

# The Torch Bearer

Newsletter of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to Support  
Special Olympics Wyoming  
Winter 2018



## 2017 in Review

It's always a great opportunity to sit back and reflect on experiences and accomplishments that have shaped the year. Special Olympics Wyoming thrived in a challenging economy and continues to grow, we humbly thank and acknowledge the efforts of Law Enforcement in supporting our athletes, our vision, our mission.

Our athletes count on the presence of Law Enforcement at every event. The flame of hope on its trip across the state celebrated our athlete's achievements and honored their participation. Wow, thank you.

## So many things to look forward to in 2018

The Torch Run Council is thriving ~ our goals are simple; One more. . .



Our Area Winter Games are gearing up now, Winter Games in Jackson and a Winter Games Torch run the first week of February, Summer Games in Laramie in May, Summer Sports Classic in Casper in August and Fall Tournament again in Casper in October.

## New for 2018! Winter Games Torch Run!

There are **two** ways to get involved;

1. Participate in the run in Jackson on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

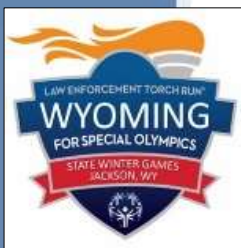
The run will start at the Dairy Queen at 575 North Cache at 2:00 pm. Run to the Town Square for a brief ceremony and then continue down Broadway to Jackson Hole High School in preparation for [Winter Games](#) Opening Ceremonies.

Plan to stay for Dinner with the athletes and participate in Opening Ceremonies at 7:00 pm. Housing will be provided to Law Enforcement personnel traveling and willing to stay for Awards presentations on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday.

To register, click [here](#).

2. Provide an escort/send-off for your local team. Historically programs have competed from the following communities;

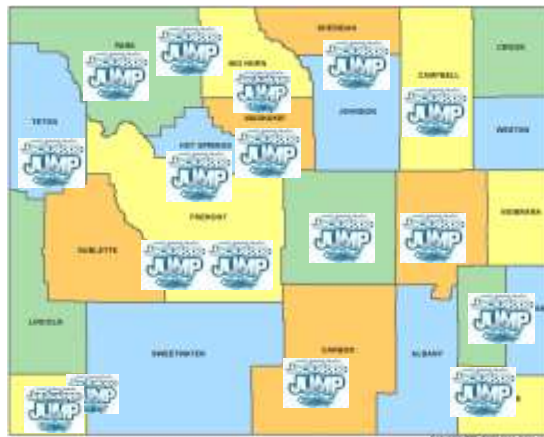
- Cody
- Star Valley
- Gillette
- Worland
- Pinedale
- Sheridan
- Thermopolis
- Evanston
- Douglas
- Lander
- Laramie
- Casper
- Crook County



Priscilla will be in contact with local programs to determine estimated departure and liaison for Law Enforcement. Are you interested? E-mail [Priscilla](#).

## Are you a Below Zero Hero?

The Jackalope Jump season starts in Cheyenne on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Up to seventeen locations throughout the state are being planned through the middle of April.



TOO CHICKEN TO JUMP

Too chicken to jump? We've got you covered ~ there is a shirt just for you. They will be on sale at each location.

Click on the logo for more information.



We are accepting nominations for the final leg to the 2019 Special Olympics Summer World Games in Abu Dhabi. The 2019 Summer Games will be held in March, the final leg runner will be expected to travel to the Middle East for approximately ten days. There is no direct cost to the officer. However, sponsorships are encouraged to cover the costs incurred by Special Olympics Wyoming. [Click here for the nomination form](#). Deadline is Friday, January 19, 2018.

## Again! Liaison Luncheon



**Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** the Wyoming Law Enforcement Torch Run to Benefit Special Olympics Wyoming will host the liaison luncheon in Casper to kick-off the Torch Run efforts.

- Information on organizing torch runs in your communities.
- Special Events
- Connecting with Local Programs
- Volunteering
- Inspiration and celebrations

This year we will recognize our first **"Hall of Fame"** inductees. We encourage representation from as many agencies as possible.

### Torch Run Council

The Law Enforcement Torch Run to Benefit Special Olympics is coordinated by a small group of experienced, dedicated and passionate Law Enforcement representatives. The Torch Run council is then supported by a designated Special Olympics Wyoming staff person (Priscilla Dowse).



### Torch Run Council

State Director: [Matt Koritnik](#)

State Deputy Director: [Mike Samp](#)

Region I: open

Region II: [Frostie Egley](#)

Region III: [Mike Fernandez & Donnie Heiduck](#)

Region IV: [Boot Hill](#)

Region V: [Ty Mower & Brad Reinhart](#)

Special Olympics Athlete: [Lewis Fancher](#)

WHP Representative: [Keith Groeneweg](#)

Director Emeritus: [Ron Casalenda](#)

Special Olympics Liaison: [Priscilla Dowse](#)

## 2018 Sponsorship Opportunities

Be included in 1,000 printed shirts, quarterly newsletters, and social media exposure. All this and you are helping to provide support for the great combination of the Law Enforcement Community and Special Olympics Wyoming, what's not to love? The Torch Run Council is currently soliciting for our 2018 Torch Run Sponsors. Do you know someone who might be interested? Click [here](#) for more detailed information.



## 2018 Merchandise

Our merchandise opportunities are a great way to support fundraising efforts and promote the remarkable relationship that Law Enforcement has with Special Olympics. The 2018 design is in the process of being developed. Be sure to check out Facebook or The Special Olympics Wyoming web-site for order forms in March.

# Special Olympics Wyoming Thanks the 2017 Law Enforcement Torch Run Sponsors

## Guardian of the Flame



## Silver Medal



## Bronze Medal

Traders Publishing ☆ Lollypops – Saratoga, Wyoming  
Memorial Hospital of Converse County ☆ Wyoming Otolaryngology  
Salvation Army ☆ Uinta County Meth Coalition ☆ Short Powerline Service

### JANUARY

- 19 Area II Winter Games, White Pines Ski Area
- 26 Area I Winter Games, Meadowlark Ski Lodge
- 26 Area III Winter Games, Tie City Trail Head
- 26 Area IV Winter Games, Terry Peak Ski Area
- 27 Area V Winter Games, Hogadon

### FEBRUARY

- 6 Winter Torch Run, Jackson**
- 6-8 State Winter Games, Jackson**

- 10 Cheyenne, Jackalope Jump
- 13 Capitol Hill Day
- 23 Board of Directors Meeting
- 23 Casper Jackalope Jump

### MARCH

- 7 Global Spread the Word to End the Word Day
- 10 Riverton Jackalope Jump
- 14 Lovell Jackalope Jump
- 17 Sheridan Jackalope Jump
- St. Patrick's Day 5k Casper
- Tbd Powell Jackalope Jump
- Tbd Jackson Jackalope Jump
- Tbd Douglas Jackalope Jump
- Tbd Lander Jackalope Jump
- 24 Washakie County Jackalope Jump



### MARCH cont.

- Tbd Bridger Valley Jackalope Jump
- MATP/Challenge Day, Casper
- 23 LETR Liaison Lunch, Casper**
- Thermopolis Jackalope Jump

### APRIL

- 7 Rawlins Jackalope Jump
- 14 Cody Jackalope Jump
- TBD Wheatland Jackalope Jump
- TBD Riverton Steak Dinner
- Area III Summer Games, Cheyenne
- Area IV Summer Games, Gillette
- 27 Area I Summer Games, Cody
- Area II Summer Games, Evanston
- Area V Summer Games, Casper

### MAY

- 17 Cheyenne Torch Run
- 17-19 State Summer Games, Laramie**

### JUNE

- 16 CNFR Special Rodeo
- TBD Tip-a-Cop, Cheyenne
- 26-2 LETR Final Leg for USA Games, Seattle